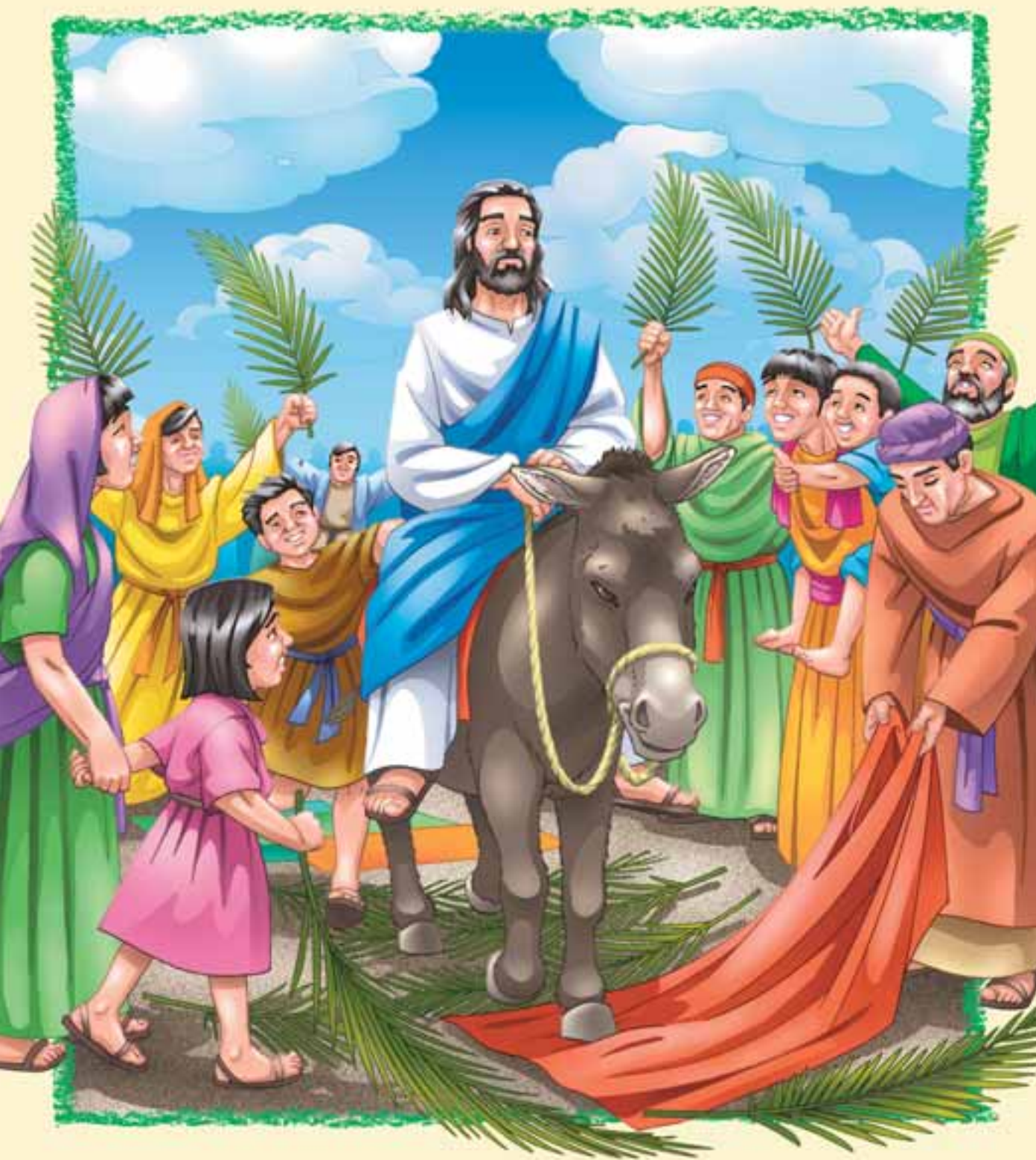




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A Praise Parade

For what do you like to thank Jesus? How do you show Him you love Him? Long ago, people praised Him with a parade, palm branches, and loud voices.

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esus and His friends were approaching the city of Jerusalem. Suddenly Jesus stopped. “Go into that village over there,” He said to two of



the disciples. “You will see a donkey colt tied up. It has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it to Me. If anyone asks you what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

Jesus needed the colt because He was about to do what the prophets had said the Messiah would do. “Your king is coming to you. . . . He is gentle and riding on a donkey. He is on the colt of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9, ICB).

In those days kings rode into cities on big donkeys. They wanted everyone to know who they were. They wanted everyone to be afraid of them. Jesus wanted everyone to know that He was King.

Memory Verse

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

LUKE 19:38, NIV.

The Message

We worship Jesus when we praise Him.

But He entered the city on a little donkey. Jesus never wanted people to be afraid of Him.

The disciples just knew that something unusual was going to happen. So they hurried off to do as Jesus asked. When they entered the village, they found a colt, a young donkey, just as Jesus had said they would. As they untied it, the owner asked them what they were doing. The disciples answered, "The Lord needs it," just as Jesus had said to do. And they led the little colt to Jesus. There was no saddle, so the disciples put their coats on the colt.

The road to Jerusalem was crowded. Fathers held their children on their shoulders so they could see Jesus. Mothers stood on tiptoe to watch. There were people there whom Jesus had healed—people who had been blind, deaf, sick, and crippled.

The people began to spread their coats on the road for the colt to walk on. (This is what people did for kings in those days.) The people also began to shout, "Bless the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Bless the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Again and again the people shouted and sang praises to Jesus.

Some of the religious leaders watched. They knew that the people were calling Jesus the Messiah, and they didn't like it. "Teacher!" they shouted from the side of the road. "Tell these people to stop saying these things!"

Jesus looked sadly at the religious leaders. He knew that they did not want to believe that He really was the Messiah. They hated Him. "I can't tell them that!" Jesus answered. "If the people are quiet, then the stones along the road will cry out!"

It was time for everyone to know that Jesus was the Messiah—the one sent by God. It was time for everyone to make a choice. Would they believe in Jesus?



Do and Say



SABBATH

Each day this week, read the lesson story together, and review the memory verse.

BlessedHands outstretched in blessing.

is the kingPretend to put crown on.

who comesMotion toward you.

in the namePoint to mouth.

of the Lord!Point upward.

Luke 19:38Palms together, then open.

SUNDAY

Read Luke 19:28-40, but stop when it tells about people praising Jesus so your child can say, “Yea for Jesus!”

Help your child write “Thank You, Jesus” on paper and put it where it is easily seen. Each day help your child add one thing. Let them write the words or draw a picture or a happy face on the paper.

MONDAY

Remind your child to give someone the palm branch or leaf made in Sabbath School. (Or cut a leaf shape from green paper, and write on it “We worship Jesus when we praise Him.”) Help them tell the Bible story.

Take your child to see a real horse, pony, or donkey



this week, if possible. If not, pretend that you are a colt, and give your child a ride.

TUESDAY

Help your child find a rock. Say: “If we didn’t praise Jesus, the rocks would.” Have them hold the rock while the family sings praise songs.



WEDNESDAY

Do a “praise Jesus” litany. You say: “Can we praise Jesus anytime? We can praise Jesus anytime. What about when we’re sitting?” (Child sits and says, “Praise Jesus.”) “When we’re standing?” (Child stands, says, “Praise Jesus.”) Continue with kneeling, singing, jumping, etc.

THURSDAY

Take your child outside and find three things for which you would like to praise Jesus. Then praise Him.

Teach your child the doxology.

FRIDAY

Act out the Bible story with your family. Use a scarf or a tree branch as a palm branch.

Have your child tell about the “Thank You, Jesus” list they made this week. Pray and thank Jesus for each item.